



# Oakfield School

**Welcome** to issue 18 of the Oakfield School newsletter. With examinations over for the year and Year 11 students having left, we've recently welcomed our new Year 7 students during the transition week. We look forward to seeing more of them in September.

## Year 11 Leavers' Trip

Following the completion of their exams, our departing Year 11 students enjoyed one last outing: a trip to Blackpool. Activities included a day at the Pleasure Beach. On arrival back in Hull, we were delighted to receive a message from the accommodation which the staff and students stayed in. The hotel staff were delighted with the way in which our students had been so polite, courteous and mindful of other guests. This is a real testament to how far Oakfield students progress during their time with us.



## Allotment

The school allotment is progressing well, with a range of plants growing including carrots, tomatoes and pumpkins. There is even a newly-installed irrigation system to keep the plants watered during weekends and the holidays. Maria and Neil have worked particularly hard to bring the project together.



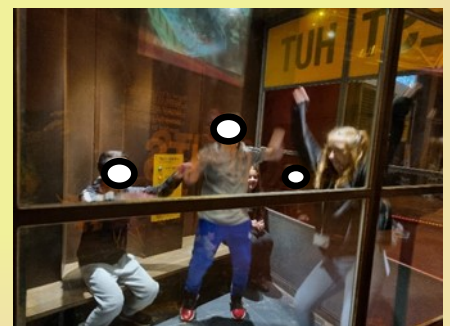
## Duke of Edinburgh Camp

At the end of June, a group of Year 10 students undertook the final part of their Duke of Edinburgh certification: the expedition. This involved them completing two days hiking around Dalby Forest and the North Yorkshire Moors and camping in the middle of Dalby. The students coped really well with heavy packs, high temperatures and some lapses in navigation to successfully complete the expedition, so achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



## Magna

Nine students from year 8-11 attended Magna Science Adventure Centre on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Students spent the day exploring their four pavilions, Air, Earth, Water and Fire and really enjoyed the interactive activities. The fire tornado was a big highlight of the trip.





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## CatZero

CatZero, is a Humber-wide organisation that is committed to making lasting positive and personal change in the lives of children, young people, families and adults. They kindly invited some of our students to Hull marina to have a tour of their 72 foot Challenger Round the World Racing Yacht. Five students attended the tour and really enjoyed the experience, all students behaved fantastically and did themselves and the school proud.



## Mario Kart

Over this last half term, we have been holding a Mario Kart tournament in school. The competition was open to both students and staff. It turned out that the staff were more desperate to win than the kids!

Each round involved players undertaking four races, with the winner going through to the next round. In the final there were two staff and two students. Eventual winner John was shamed into handing the trophy to a Year 7 student who came second. John retained the trophy for "Not letting the kids win... ever". It's now his to keep.

Mario Kart tournaments will be back again next academic year.



## Music

On June 27<sup>th</sup> Band of Jays visited the Rowan building to perform a concert of folk-influenced music. The trio consisted of guitar, bass and vocals, with some added percussion from our own students. The acoustic set sounded amazing in the Rowan space. The concert was provided by Live Music Now.



## Intervention Trip

After a brilliant year of hard work from students in their one-to-one intervention sessions, Diana felt it would be right to offer them a reward trip. She decided to go for something involving animals and something that they may not have every done before. With that in mind, they went to the Humber Llama Experience. Students enjoyed tasks such as harnessing the llamas, feeding them (some are more greedy than others!), grooming them and walking them around a circuit with a mini bridge and cones. Following that, there was a nice walk around the fields and a woodland path.



## Exam Results Day

We would like to congratulate all Year 11 students in advance of the results they will receive on results day. The results will reflect a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication during this academic year and during the students' time at Oakfield. The GCSE results day is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August**, with Year 11 students being invited to collect results from the main school entrance between 9.00am – 10.00am. Any students who are unable to collect results in person will have their results posted on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August to their home address. Please note: under no circumstances will results be available by telephone or email.





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## Year 7 Coffee Morning

The Year 7's parents/carers coffee morning was a success. The event was an opportunity for parents/carers of new Year 7 students to visit the school and to chat with staff and outside agencies. Agencies included school nurse, dental nurse, TIC Yorkshire (Tourette's Inclusion in the Community), Aim Higher and Home Start. We are holding families/carers opening evenings on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## Arts Theme Day

During the last week of the Summer term we held our annual Arts Theme Day. The day was a huge success with students taking part in a range of activities including decorating skulls, Spanish-themed art and Lego activities. Key Stage 4 students took part in different activities on the day: cycling and a trip to Bridlington.



## New Students

While we've recently said goodbye to our Year 11 students, who have completed their journey at Oakfield, we've also recently welcomed our new Year 7 students to the school during their transition week. Our 26 new Year 7's, along with several other new starters in other year groups, attended during the penultimate week of the school year. We look forward to seeing more of them and getting to know them when we return in September. Students are back in school from Wednesday 6th September.

We wish our departed Year 11 students all the best in their future studies and lives.

## Sports Day

The last Tuesday of the school year saw the return of our annual Sports Day. The event hasn't taken place since 2019 due to, firstly, Covid and then last year's heat wave. Sports Day is always a big hit with students and staff alike, with activities including an inflatable assault course, electronic racing, jumping challenge, gym work and more traditional athletics.

